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1. THOUSANDS OF VIETNAMESE MILITARY REFUGEES ARE NOW IN RESETTLE-

MENT CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES FROM OVERSEAS STAGING AREAS. THERE IS A DIRE NEED TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTEER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM TO ASSIST THESE REFUGEES IN THEIR RESETTLEMENT INTO OUT SOCIETY.

2. THE PERSONAL EFFORTS OF MANY INDIVIDUALS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY; HOWEVER, THERE ARE MANY INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES THAT ARE UNAWARE OF THE PROCEDURES FOR SPONSORSHIP. IT IS EVIDENT THAT SOME DO NOT KNOW WHERE THEIR FRIENDS ARE AND IF THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR ESCAPE.

3. SECDEF HAS ENCOURAGED SPONSORSHIP ON THE PART OF INDIVIDUALS, SOCIAL GROUPS SUCH AS WIVES CLUBS, AND COMMANDS AS REFLECTED IN REFERENCE A. HISTORICALLY THE ARMY FAMILY HAS RESPONDED TO HUMAN-ITARIAN APPEALS OF THIS TYPE. A SPIRITED RESPONSE AT THIS TIME WILL EXPEDITE THE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM AND HELP GET OUR FRIENDS OUT OF THE REFUGEE CENTERS AND RESETTLED IN THE UNITED STATES. THE ACTIVE DIVISIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, NG, USAR, AUSA, ROA AND NCOA ARE ONLY A FEW THAT COULD LEND ASSISTANCE.

4. IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM, A JOINT REFUGEE INFORMATION CLEARING OFFICE (JRICO) IS BEING ESTABLISHED IN THE PENTAGON. THIS OFFICE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE CURRENT INFORMATION ON THE STATUS AND LOCATION OF ALL REFUGEES AS WELL AS THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED TO ENTER THE SPONSOR PROGRAM. WITH SUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE, SPONSORSHIP WOULD EXPEDITE DEPARTURE FROM REFUGEE CENTERS.

5. THE JRICO IS TASKED TO:

A. RESPOND TO QUERIES AS TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES AND ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING CONTACT BETWEEN COMMANDS/INDIVIDUALS.  
B. ASSIST THOSE DESIRING TO SPONSOR REFUGEES AND THEIR FAMILIES.  
C. MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH OSD, INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE (IATF) IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE (INS), REFUGEE CENTERS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (VOLAGS) IN ORDER TO DETERMINE STATUS OF REFUGEES.

6. THE ARMY ELEMENT OF THE JRICO WILL OPERATE FROM PENTAGON ROOM BF 762. TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: AUTOVON 227, 5190/5192/5191/5110 COMMERCIAL - 202-697-5190, 697-5192, 697-5191, 697-5110 AND WILL BE MANNED DURING THE NORMAL WORK WEEK. IT IS EXPECTED THE JRICO WILL BE OPERATIONAL FOR ABOUT 120 DAYS.

7. REFERENCE B DISCUSSES EFFORTS BY THE IATF IN CONJUNCTION WITH VOLAGS IN RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES AND OUTLINES REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORSHIP. ALTHOUGH SPONSORSHIP IS NOT A FORMAL, LEGAL COMMITMENT, THERE IS, HOWEVER, A MORAL COMMITMENT TO ASSIST THE REFUGEE TO THE BEST OF THE SPONSOR'S ABILITY. SOME OF THE LESS TANGIBLE ASPECTS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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RESETTLEMENT INCLUDE ADJUSTMENT TO A NEW CULTURE AND ACQUAINTING THE REFUGEE WITH US LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS.

8. SPECIFICALLY, A SPONSOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ONE OF THE VOLAGS, WILL BE EXPECTED TO:  
A. RECEIVE THE REFUGEE AND HIS FAMILY;  
B. PROVIDE SHELTER AND FOOD, UNTIL THE REFUGEE BECOMES SELF-SUFFICIENT. SHELTER NEED NOT BE IN THE RESIDENCE OF THE SPONSOR BUT MUST BE ADEQUATE;

- C. PROVIDE CLOTHING AND POCKET MONEY;
- D. PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT AND IN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR CHILDREN;
- E. COVER ORDINARY MEDICAL COSTS OR MEDICAL INSURANCE.
- F. ONCE EMPLOYMENT IS OBTAINED, ASSIST THE REFUGEE TO LOCATE PERMANENT HOUSING, ACQUIRE MINIMAL FURNITURE AND ARRANGE FOR UTILITIES.

9. SPONSORSHIP BY AN INDIVIDUAL COULD BE DIFFICULT WHEN LARGE FAMILIES ARE INVOLVED, HOWEVER, IF ASSUMED ON A BROADER BASE (I.E., ALL THE PERSONNEL IN A COMMAND, CHURCH GROUP, WIVES CLUB OR DIVISIONAL ASSOCIATION) THE BURDEN COULD BE EASED. CONCEIVABLY, A LARGER ORGANIZATION COULD SPONSOR MORE THAN ONE FAMILY.

10. SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR RELATIVES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND PERMANENT ALIENS ARE MORE SIMPLIFIED. HEALTH EDUCATION AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT (HEW) ASSISTED BY THE RED CROSS, WILL VERIFY WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY OF THE NAMED RELATIVE TO SPONSOR AND RESETTLE REFUGEES. ONCE CONFIRMED, INS WILL RELEASE THOSE REFUGEES WITHOUT ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS. IF HEW DECIDES SPONSOR IS UNABLE TO CARE FOR REFUGEES, CASE WILL BE PASSED TO AN ACCREDITED VOLAG FOR PROCESSING. RELATIVES OF US CITIZENS INCLUDE SPOUSE, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CHILDREN, CRANDCHILDREN, UNMARRIED SIBLINGS AND HANDICAPPED DEPENDENTS.

11. REFUGEES WITH INDEPENDENT MEANS ARE THOSE WITH AVERAGE PER CAPITA RESOURCES OF FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS, EXCLUSIVE OF TRANSPORTATION. THESE INDIVIDUALS/FAMILIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO RESETTLEMENT LOCATIONS WITH ONLY BRIEF COUNSELING, PROVIDED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL OR AT LEAST ONE ADULT IN A FAMILY HAS A FACILITY IN ENGLISH, VOCATIONAL SKILLS AND A GENERAL IDEA OF RESETTLEMENT LOCATION.

12. THE ARMY FAMILY IS ENCOURAGED TO GET BEHIND THIS HUMANITARIAN EFFORT AND SUPPORT THE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM. HOWEVER, SPONSORSHIP IS VOLUNTARY AND INDIVIDUALS, COMMANDS OR ORGANIZATIONS WILL NOT BE PRESSURED TO SPONSOR REFUGEES.

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